

Research on Exploring Overseas Jobs for Youth

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This research project seeks to explore overseas jobs for young people by providing labor market information and job information as the need for constructing the infra system of job information and career path information of overseas job markets is requested, so that the youth can develop their vision and capacity overseas.

The current status of the overseas job market can be analyzed in terms of a PPM model in which push effects and pull effects interact. The push factors include the unemployment rate, self-development, and employment in Korea. The pull factors are better opportunities for wages, education, and employment, better living conditions, and more opportunities to do business in other countries. The overseas employment assistance programs carried out by the government, local authorities, and universities are below target level due to the world economic recession, with the interaction between push factors and pull factors also sub-par.

The following suggestions for the government, corporations, colleges, and students are presented to activate the overseas employment of youth. The government needs to design along-term road-map for overseas employment, prepare students for overseas careers at the high school level, develop public websites for overseas internships and working holiday students, construct a system linking and evaluating overseas internships, service programs and overseas employment, assist the skilled labor in finding overseas jobs, and, finally, develop an overseas employment assistance program for colleges for evaluation by the Ministry of Education. Universities are requested to change the perception of overseas jobs among college students, provide the basic materials and information on overseas employment, develop student communication skills, and build an overseas employment assistance center. Corporations need to utilize overseas interns and the retired manpower with overseas experience. The overseas job world report needs to be developed and distributed, and, finally, the perception of overseas employment needs to be heightened through overseas conferences to potential overseas job applicants.